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Letter dated 27 April 2006 from the Permanent Representative of Namibia to the United Nations addressed to the Chairman of the Committee

With reference to the letter of your predecessor dated 15 June 2005, I have the honour to convey to the Committee the attached additional information for inclusion in the matrix summarizing Namibia's implementation of resolution 1540 (2004) (see annex).

(*Signed*) Martin **Andjaba**
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Annex to the letter dated 27 April 2006 from the Permanent Representative of Namibia to the United Nations addressed to the Chairman of the Committee

OP 2: Nuclear:

- No nuclear weapons;
- Uranium mining for export and peaceful applications only.

OP 3 a/b: Nuclear:

- Atomic Energy and Radiation Protection Act, Act No 5 of 2005 (soon to be operational). The Act's object is to regulate the use of nuclear and radioactive material as well as administer the requirements of international treaties and conventions including the NPT, CSA, Convention on the Physical Protection of Nuclear Material, etc;
- Namibia is party to the NPT (signed in 1992) and has entered into a Comprehensive Safeguards Agreement (signed in 1998) with an Additional Protocol signed in 2000, but yet to be ratified;
- The Constitution of the Republic of Namibia [Article 95(1)] prohibits the dumping of nuclear waste in Namibian waters and territory;
- Radioactive Material regulated in line with national legislation (Hazardous Substances Ordinance, 1974);
- Namibia has committed herself to the IAEA Code of Conduct on the Security of Radioactive Sources.

OP 3c/d: Export Control

- Import/export of nuclear and radioactive material, including sources material, regulated nationally (administrative controls in line with national policy);
- Uranium exports reported annually to IAEA pursuant to Article 34 of SA;
- Transport of nuclear and radioactive material in accordance with IAEA safety standards;
- Uranium export permits are only issued once annually and are valid for one year. These permits are only approved by the Minister. The uranium oxide sales and exchange agreements are also only approved by the Minister. In terms of article 34 of the Safeguards Agreement (INFCIR/153 and 540) Namibia reports to the International Atomic Energy Agency the quantity, composition and destination of uranium exports to non-nuclear weapon States, which are used for peaceful purposes. This ensures that the Agency can verify its findings, and that the material exported from Namibia is not diverted to non-peaceful nuclear activities or weapons.